(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and what action has been taken against ICICI for misleading the RBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The Newsitem referred to in part (a) of the Question appeared in the daily, the Economic Times of 7th March, 2000 under the caption, RBI finds ICICI windowdressed NPAs to jack up net by Rs. 403 crore.

RBI conducts inspection of financial institutions under Section 45 N of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Findings of the inspection are discussed with the Cheif Executive of the financial institution concerned. The inspection report is also placed before the Board of Directors of the institution and action taken report is sent by the financial institution to RBI. RBI follows up with the financial institution for corrective action, till the deficiencies have been rectified to the satisfaction of RBI.

RBI has reported that the said Newsitem refers to a supervisory letter from RBI to ICICI, based upon a financial inspection report. Findings of the financial inspection report were discussed with ICICI and the compliance of ICICI in respect of deficiencies observed in the inspection report has been subsequently examined by the RBI and suitable instructions thereon issued to ICICI.

Irregularities in the cellular phone service of MTNL

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SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Members of Parliament have made complaints regarding the irregularities in the cellular phone services to be launched by the MTNL;

(b) if so, whether Government have ordered any enquiry into the said matter on the basis of MPs complaints; if so, the present status of the said enquiry and by when the enquiry report will be received; and

(c) whether attempts are being made at higher level to suppress the said matter and if not, at what level the enquiry will be initiated by Government against the persons found guilty?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has constituted a Committee of 3 senior officers of the Ministry of Communications to enquire into various aspects of the issues involved. The Committee has been advised to submit the report within 2 weeks. Further action will be taken on the receipt of the report.

(c) No attempt is being made at any level to suppress the matter.

Shukla Commission recommendations on Civil Aviation in the North-Eastern Region

*429. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the salient recommendations of the Shukla Commission and the Task Force on the improvement of civil aviation sector in the North-East in terms of the PM's special package; and

(b) the action plan finalised, target fixed and achievements made so far in implementing each of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) (I) Salient recommendations of the Shukla Commission concerning Civil Aviation are as follows:—

(i) Guwahati should be made a regional hub for Indian Airlines.

(ii) International flights should operate out of the region to destinations like Dhaka, Chittagong, Mandalay and Yangon.

(iii) An integrated plan for the utilisation of the Guwahati international air cargo facility should be prepared by the Ministry of Commerce in consultation with the North-Eastern States.

(iv) Short take-off-and-landing (STOL) aircraft should be inducted into the North-East circuit.

(v) The Government should examine whether some or all air supply and passenger sorties being provided by Indian Air Force (IAF) could be returned to the Civil Sector.

(II) Salient recommendations of the Task Force set up by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on North-East are as follows:—